



Village of Biscayne Park

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MINUTES Ecology Board Thursday, April 19, 2012 Ed Burke Recreation Center 11400 NE 9th Court Biscayne Park, Florida

The Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Chairperson Karen Cohen
Present: Tom Pilske, Matt Davis, Karen Cohen, and Richie Strassberg Absent: Marie Smith
Also attending: Barbara Kuhl

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS: The Native Plant Sale will take place on Saturday June 2. Sale of plants will be run by Citizens for a Better South Florida. Plants will cost between 4 and 25 dollars. There may be other tables for other related businesses.

Native Plant Demonstration Project tentatively scheduled for Arbor Day. Tom will get student volunteers. Mat to ask for donation of plants from nurseries. Karen to email Ana for monies to purchase plants.

Ewaste recycling research by Richie. Cost to get 1800GETJUNK truck would cost between 150.00 and 275.00 depending on quantity of waste. Richie will ask for them to donate their services. Karen suggested calling ECOMB – Louis Rodriguez to ask about recycling.

NEW BUSINESS: Ask Issa for pop up shelters for Plant Sale. Rain Option in Rec Center?

Add 50 cents to plant sale prices to benefit non-profit running sale?

Board Alternate suggested Kathy L. teaches at FIU sociology.

Next Meeting May 24 6:30 PM

Tree Resolution pulled – on hold

Discussion of County Tree Ordinance and Enforcement. Discussion of educating residents on tree maintenance. Local Ordinance has to be at least as strict as county.

Suggestion of articles in newsletter to educate residents –go slow. Creating 2 page simplified county code hand out or flyer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Barbara Kuhl: Had question about recycling plans for future. Increasing participation. Matt said Miami Shores doesn't know what they are recycling or not.

Barbara said they don't accept pizza boxes. Discussion of types of plastic that are accepted (#1, #2 yes). Discussion of low recycling participation. Karen suggested article in newsletter about recycling policy. Recycling is a tax saving proposition. Barbara suggested a stick for the bins outlining acceptable materials. Karen said the board will deal with this after the Plant Sale. Barbara suggested inviting Public Works to a board meeting to clarify maintenance procedures. Tom wanted to see the Master list of trees. Barbara will send to Village Clerk to be distributed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM

Minutes Approved on _____.

Karen Cohen, Chair